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Product description

Product Description

Philips Micro Shelf Sys., 150 watts, 2 way wood spkrs, 5 CD, USB link for MP3 playability

Amazon.com

The Philips MCM530 micro shelf system offers robust power and a host of great listening features in a sleek, compact package, making it a great choice for offices, kitchens, and finished basements. The system centers around the five-disc CD changer, which lets you play hours of uninterrupted music in a single setting. The CD changer also plays self-recorded CD-Rs and CD-RWs, so you can create your own soundtracks, along with MP3s recorded on a CD-R/RW. Because a single MP3-CD can hold up to 10 hours of music, adding five of them to your changer results in a staggering 50 hours of consecutive tunes-- enough to satisfy even the most zealous music fan. The CD player also includes a variety of essential playback modes, including 99-track programming, repeat (one or all discs), and shuffle play.

Adding to the MCM530's value is the system's USB PC link. Simply connect the stereo to a PC via the included USB cord and you can start streaming audio directly from your laptop or desktop. The function is a great way to listen to MP3s recorded on your hard drive or enjoy Internet radio stations broadcasting from across the country. Plus, it's easy to manage your computer's audio files by installing the included MusicMatch software onto your hard drive. Listeners who want a more traditional radio outlet can opt for to activate the system's digital AM/FM tuner, which has room for up to 40 memory presets for quickly changing channels or surfing through the full dial.

The system's rich audio stems from the pair of two-way bass reflex speakers, each of which boasts a 5.25-inch woofer and 2-inch tweeter. The speakers (75 watts per channel) are also quite powerful for a shelf system, especially when teamed with Philips' Max Sound technology, which boosts both the highs and lows for a louder, cleaner overall sound. Additional features include a CD/radio alarm with a sleep timer, an auxiliary input for connecting an iPod or MP3 player, and a headphone jack.

The MCM530 measures 6.9 by 10.6 by 12.4 inches (W x H x D) while each speaker checks in at 7.1 by 10.6 by 8.7 inches. The system also carries a one-year warranty.

What's in the Box

Main unit, two speakers, FM wire antenna, AM loop antenna, 32-key remote control, two AA batteries, AC power cord, 3-meter USB cable, CD-ROM (with USB PC link driver, MusicMatch, software, and Sound Agent software), user's manual.

Product information

Product Dimensions	12.4 x 6.9 x 10.6 inches
Item Weight	20 pounds

Technical Specification

[User Manual \[pdf \]](#)

Shipping Weight	27.6 pounds
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ASIN	B000278KKI
Domestic Shipping	Item can be shipped within U.S.
International Shipping	This item is not eligible for international shipping. <a href="#">Learn More</a>
Item model number	MCM530
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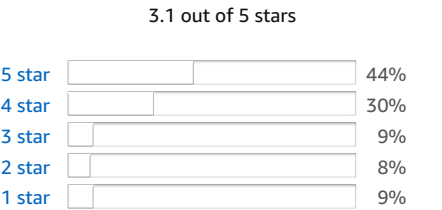
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Rick Tharp

A little powerhouse

July 10, 2004

Verified Purchase

I was a more than a little leary of ordering this. I've not had good luck with Philips electronics in the past, but this little wonder put those fears to rest. First of all, it looks great. I love the styling, although I'm still not real fond of the blonde speaker cabinets, but it's growing on me.

The unit sounds like a washing machine when you first turn it on, I guess it's checking each of the CD drives. The main reason I bought this was the MP3 capabilities, and I believe Philips has optimized it for that purpose. Instead of a single platter type changer, it has FIVE separate cd trays. You can play all 5 CDs straight through, but shuffle and repeat modes only apply to the current disk. So, if you load this thing with 5 CDs, it won't shuffle between all 5 disks, only the current one, then it switches to the next CD. This is fine if you want to shuffle through a homemade MP3 CD each with hundreds of songs, but not so good for plain old audio CDs.

The best feature of the unit is the sound, it is enormous for such a little thang. I have a big Sony system in my with den with huge JBL speakers, and this little dynamo sounds darn near as good. I've compared standard audio CDs versus my homemade MP3 CDs, and I really can't tell the difference in sound quality. It has 4 equalizer and 4 reverb settings, they all sound great to me. The MAX SOUND is basically a loudness button on steroids, boosting both the highs and lows and adding some reverb. Again, I hate to keep repeating this, but it sounds great for such a little unit. It has a clock display and a timer feature. The FM tuner is okay, it comes with one of those dopey wire antennas, I wish it had a telescoping type instead.

Overall I am very happy with this unit and would recommend it to my friends.

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T. Howell

**Great sound, great function, great price.**

January 27, 2005

**Verified Purchase**

I read a lot of the reviews here on this stereo and have to agree with most. The two common complaints about the startup noise/time and the fan are both somewhat correct. They wouldn't prevent me from buying this again.

First the fan. I have to say that I listen to this at very low volume at night (barely audible) so I don't bother my roommate. I can't hear the fan. The only time I hear the fan is when I'm leaning over loading a disc in, if it isn't playing anything at the time. The fan in my opinion is a non-issue.

Second, the startup noise. Yeah, this thing has to check all of the CDs everytime you turn it on, which is a pain. Sometimes you only turn it on to take a disc out and you have to wait while it runs through this cycle. I would prefer it didn't do this, but I wouldn't change my decision to buy it based on this annoyance. It's not that big of a deal to me.

Now for the good stuff. This thing sounds great for what I use it for. It's not my livingroom stereo, I listen to it while I fold laundry and go to sleep. Sometimes if I want to rock out before going out on the weekends, it allows me to crank it up without distorting the music. I listen to mostly hip hop and it never lets me down.

So, to sum it up. If you want a stereo for your kitchen, bedroom, dorm, etc, you should buy this. It sounds great, plays CDs and mp3 CDs (this is my first mp3 'player') and looks good on your shelf (take the grills off). If you want to walk into a room, listen to 30 seconds of music and turn it off, it isn't for you (refer to the startup issue). I'm very happy and that's what matters!

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The Amazon Shopper **VINE VOICE****Great unit with some bizarre issues**

September 17, 2005

**Verified Purchase**

In terms of sound quality, aesthetics, and usability, this stereo system is quite ideal, and for its price, it's one of the most attractive unit on the market.

What I looked for initially and value is the ability for MP3 playback (even though I still haven't tried it) and separate trays for the discs so that I can swap them without disrupting current CD. It's a solid unit.

Now for the issues: first of all, as mentioned by others, the CD trays are noisy. When starting up the stereo, the CD trays do unknown things for quite a long time (up to 10-15 seconds) for no apparent reason. My guess is that it's swapping discs, but this noisy process happens sometimes even if the CD you want to play was the last CD you played before restarting the unit. Also, if you accidentally pressed play when you wanted to eject, and soon press eject, the CD will take forever to come out.

But the worst problems relate to the remote. One of the problems is that the power button works differently on the remote from the one on the unit. For the remote, the power button cannot turn the unit back on. You have to choose one of CD, tuner, Aux, or USB. This is annoying because you can't use the button to get back to where you started without remembering where you were and looking for that button on the remote.

Also, and this has happened more often than desired, which should be never: the unit blatantly ignores the remote. This usually happens when the unit has been working for a while. I push a button on the remote, and the unit LED display shows that it received a signal from the remote, but it refuses to do anything. It is very frustrating.

These are minor problems, I suppose, but it does lead one to question the quality of the product. It's just lucky that it's been minor so far. And yes, the FM antenna wires are awful. The clock and timer functions are not overly useful especially since the LED display is rather small so it's pretty illegible across a bedroom.

I have not tried the USB, and I have no intention to do so. The point of a stereo system is to leave your computer alone. It's easier to get a set of good computer speakers than getting into the trouble of hooking these things up. Or just get Apple's AirTunes.

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 Amazon Customer

**Awesome System-Great with MP3-RWs**

October 25, 2004

**Verified Purchase**

First a great word about Amazon - I ordered this sytem and chose free shipping - and got it 2 days later! The system was much smaller and more tasteful than almost any of the others on the retail shelves - and the sound is unbelievable for a system this size. It plays my MP3-RW disks with no problem and reads them very quickly. I haven't made use of the PC-connection capabilities, as the systema and my PC are in different rooms, but it's nice to know the capability is there. I researched a lot before buying - and you can't get anything better for the money. I heartily recommend it.

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